

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 556

Supporting National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week and efforts
to educate people about peripheral arterial disease.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4 (legislative day, AUGUST 3), 2006

Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness
Week and efforts to educate people about peripheral
arterial disease.

Whereas peripheral arterial disease is a vascular disease that
occurs when narrowed arteries reduce the blood flow to
the limbs;

Whereas peripheral arterial disease is a significant vascular
disease that can be as serious as a heart attack or stroke;

Whereas peripheral arterial disease affects approximately
8,000,000 to 12,000,000 Americans;

Whereas patients with peripheral arterial disease are at in-
creased risk of heart attack and stroke and are 6 times
more likely to die within 10 years than are patients with-
out peripheral arterial disease;

Whereas the survival rate for individuals with peripheral arterial disease is worse than the outcome for many common cancers;

Whereas peripheral arterial disease is a leading cause of lower limb amputation in the United States;

Whereas many patients with peripheral arterial disease have walking impairment that leads to a diminished quality of life and functional capacity;

Whereas a majority of patients with peripheral arterial disease are asymptomatic and less than half of individuals with peripheral arterial disease are aware of their diagnoses;

Whereas African-American ethnicity is a strong and independent risk factor for peripheral arterial disease, and yet this fact is not well known to those at risk;

Whereas effective treatments are available for people with peripheral arterial disease to reduce heart attacks, strokes, and amputations and to improve quality of life;

Whereas many patients with peripheral arterial disease are still untreated with proven therapies;

Whereas there is a need for comprehensive educational efforts designed to increase awareness of peripheral arterial disease among medical professionals and the greater public in order to promote early detection and proper treatment of this disease to improve quality of life, prevent heart attacks and strokes, and save lives and limbs; and

Whereas September 18 through September 22, 2006, would be an appropriate week to observe National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) supports National Peripheral Arterial Dis-
2 ease Awareness Week and efforts to educate people
3 about peripheral arterial disease;

4 (2) acknowledges the critical importance of pe-
5 ripheral arterial disease awareness to improve na-
6 tional cardiovascular health;

7 (3) supports raising awareness of the con-
8 sequences of undiagnosed and untreated peripheral
9 arterial disease and the need to seek appropriate
10 care as a serious public health issue; and

11 (4) calls upon the people of the United States
12 to observe the week with appropriate programs and
13 activities.

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